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INTERIOR REPORTS 21 WHOOPING CRANES ON TEXAS REFUGE

The whooping crane, one of America's largest and rarest birds, nests in the Canadian wilds south of Great Slave Lake. It winters on and near the Aransas Refuge. This makes a migration route of 2,500 miles which the cranes negotiate spring and fall.

The cranes usually begin arriving at Aransas early in October. At times the last straggler reaches the wintering grounds in mid-December.

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